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Forest Productivity
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that in most of the Indian forests, obsolete methods of lumbering, sowing etc. are practiced resulting in wastage and lower forest productivity;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is also true that due to this, large quantities of inferior wood which could be put to better use through latest scientific seasoning and preservation treatment remain unutilized or go waste;
(d) if so, whether the Government is likely to adopt latest scientific method to increase forest productivity; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) In most of the Indian forests, traditional methods of lumbering, sawing etc. are practiced. However, many States have adopted modern methods including Power Chain Saw etc.

(c) Seasoning and preservation treatment enhances the service life of all the timbers including inferior wood. Technologies such as seasoning, chemical modification, thermal modification and preservative treatments can enhance the service life of timber several times and can save millions of well grown trees.

(d) & (e) Harvesting of forest produce is done by respective State/UT Governments. Various Research Organisation under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change are working on the modern techniques and assisting the State Forest Departments to adopt latest techniques.
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